

## CHAPTER 30 - CREWS

Crews will be ordered by a standard type. Three (3) types exist for National or interagency assignments. They are; Type 1, Type 2, and Type 2 with IA (initial attack) capability.

### TYPE 1 INTERAGENCY HOTSHOT CREWS (NMG, Ch. 30)

For a complete list of all Type 1 Interagency Hotshot Crews, refer to the following web site:

[https://www.fs.fed.us/fire/people/hotshots/IHC\\_index.html](https://www.fs.fed.us/fire/people/hotshots/IHC_index.html).

### MINIMUM CREW STANDARDS FOR NATIONAL MOBILIZATION (NMG, Ch. 30)

For a detailed description of minimum crew standards see Interagency Standards for Fire and Aviation Operations, Chapter 13, Firefighter Training and Qualifications at:

[https://www.nifc.gov/policies/pol\\_ref\\_redbook.html](https://www.nifc.gov/policies/pol_ref_redbook.html).

### TYPE 1 CREWS (NMG, Ch. 30)

Crews that meet minimum standards identified within the Wildland Fire Incident Management Field Guide, PMS 210, January 2014, <https://www.nwcg.gov/sites/default/files/products/pms210.pdf>.

Interagency Hotshot Crews (IHC) are a Type 1 Crew that exceeds the Type 1 Standards as required by the National IHC Operations Guide:

[https://www.nifc.gov/policies/policies\\_documents/StandardsInteragencyHotshotCrewOps.pdf](https://www.nifc.gov/policies/policies_documents/StandardsInteragencyHotshotCrewOps.pdf).

Interagency Hotshot Crews require appropriate Federal or State agency sponsorship and a recommendation by their respective Geographic Area Coordinating Group for inclusion into the NMG. NICC will maintain availability status of Type 1 Crews, but will not recognize internal Geographic Area rotations of these crews.

Type 1 Crews attempting to transport chain saws on other than NIFC contract jets should be prepared to ship their chainsaws via an alternative method should loading be refused. Type 1 Crews normally come equipped with hand tools. There may be occasions when Type 1 Crews transported by air do not arrive with hand tools. If tools are needed, they should be ordered separately as supply items.

When Type 1 Crews are transported by aircraft, the receiving unit should be prepared to provide the following:

- Crew transportation.
- Vehicle to transport saws, fuel, and hand tools separate from crew transportation.
- Fire equipment (minimum two (2) cases of fuses).
- Chain saws (four (4) kits).

The Eastern Area has one Type 1 Hotshot Crew, the Midewin Interagency Hotshot Crew, which is hosted by the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, IL-MPF.

### TYPE 2 AND TYPE 2 IA CREWS (NMG, Ch. 30)

Crews that meet minimum standards identified within Wildland Fire Incident Management Field Guide, PMS 210, January 2014, <https://www.nwcg.gov/sites/default/files/publications/pms210.pdf>. Type 2 Crews will be ordered as Type 2 or Type 2 IA. In addition to the Type 2 minimum standards, Type 2 IA Crews can be broken up into squads and have three (3) qualified sawyers.

The Eastern Area Coordination Group (EACG) standards for Type 2 IA configuration are: All fallers listed on the manifest, should meet FAL2 qualifications. FAL3 does not have the capability to handle many of the anticipated activities likely encountered on the fire line or during initial attack. For Casual Hire's filling FAL2 positions, the crew manifest will reflect this level for their pay grade. Crews do not normally need or utilize a higher standard faller (FAL1), however if on the incident, it is determined that the FAL1 is needed, and is utilized, the incident supervisor can complete a field promotion to compensate the individual for functioning at the higher level. Refer to the Interagency Incident Business Management Handbook, for advice on pay rate changes.

<https://www.nwcg.gov/sites/default/files/publications/pms902.pdf>.

Type 2 and Type 2IA Crews ordered through NICC don't come with chain saws or hand tools when transported by air. If chain saws or hand tools are needed, they should be ordered separately as supply items.

Units sending Type 2 and Type 2 IA Crews will determine the ratio of crews to Crew Representatives (CREP) needed for a given assignment. Depending on the assignment, ratios of 1:1 to 1:4 may be appropriate. These responsibilities can be met by an Interagency Resource Representative (IARR) as well. A CREP assigned to Type 2 or Type 2 IA Crew will remain with the crew from the initial dispatch until the crew is released to home unit. CREPs are not required for agency regular crews.

Standard crew size is twenty (20) people maximum and eighteen (18) people minimum (including Crew Boss, Crew Representative, and trainees).

All equipment will be inspected and weighed at time of mobilization to ensure adherence to safe transportation procedures.

All crew personnel mobilized and demobilized outside the local unit through NICC will be identified on a crew manifest form. Crew supervisors will maintain a minimum of four (4) accurate copies of this form at all times. Crew weights will be manifested separate from personal gear and equipment weights. The crew supervisor or CREP will ensure compliance with weight limitations. The Crew Manifest form is available at: <https://gacc.nifc.gov/eacc/logistics/crews/crews.htm>.

Crew manifests will include full passenger names, cell phone numbers for crew leadership, position mnemonic, ECI number (when applicable), gender, individual and gear weights, AD class (when applicable), home unit identifier and jet port for each crew member. Sending Dispatch Centers will submit completed manifests to EACC prior to mobilization, regardless of the mode of transportation.